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GRAMEEN BHANDARAN YOJANA
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has launched a new scheme Grameen Bhandaran Yojana to create storage capacity in rural areas;

(b) if so, the number of godowns set up in the rural areas under the scheme, State-wise;

(c) the total storage capacity created under the scheme during the last three years and thereafter, till date, State-wise;

(d) whether private parties are allowed to participate in creating storage capacity under the scheme;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the total amount sanctioned and spent under the scheme during the last three years and till date?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a): Government is implementing a Central Sector Scheme of Construction/Renovation of Rural Godowns (Grameen Bhandaran Yojana) since 01.04.2001.

(b): As on 31st January, 2008, 16350 storage projects with a capacity of 208.57 lakh MTs have been sanctioned under the scheme.The State-wise details are given in the enclosed statement.

(c): The details of the godowns sanctioned during the last three years and thereafter, as on 31st January, 2008 are as under:

Year	No.	Capacity (in lakh M.T.)
2004-05	4554	34.81
2005-06	2120	24.61
2006-07	2483	17.01
2007-08 (As on 31st January, 2008)	1982	26.40

(d): Yes, Sir.

(e): As on 31/3/2007, 8594 rural godowns with a capacity of 113.86 lakh MTs have been sanctioned in the private sector namely; individual farmers, agriculture graduates, SC/ST, women entrepreneurs, companies, corporations etc.

(f): The details of the funds sanctioned and spent under the scheme during the last three years are as under:

Year	Amount sanctioned (Rs.in crore)	Amount released(Rs. in crore)
2004-05	100	100
2005-06	90	90
2006-07	70	69.93
2007-08 (As on 31st January, 2008)	70	53.50